

## Current Crop Quality

Everything that is going to be planted is in the ground as of July 8. USDA/NASS reports were released that showed increased acreage in small grains across the state, but these numbers do not seem accurate with what the office has been hearing, and USDA/NASS is doing a second survey over the course of July that will be released in August.

Hot temperatures over the last week have helped crop development considerably, with much progress being made. 80 and 90 degree (Fahrenheit) temperatures have also helped slow down stripe rust problems throughout the state. Many farmers were very proactive and sprayed fungicide for rust as well, so hopefully we will not see any drastic decrease in production due to the disease.

Barley is looking very good around the Golden Triangle, it is also looking good in Southern Montana in areas that did not get hit with flooding. The major worry with barley is that things were planted much later than normal, so a mild fall is going to be necessary for a productive crop.

The focus of farmers is now on keeping the crops they were able to seed healthy, some areas, despite the heavy spring rains, are actually in need of some additional moisture to go along with these hot temperatures.

## Winter Wheat



Winter Wheat in Pondera County

Crop Condition	July 10, 2011	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Very Poor	2	2	1	2
Poor	4	6	2	6
Fair	19	19	19	29
Good	58	55	53	46
Excellent	17	18	25	17

Crop Progress	July 10, 2011	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Planted	100	100	100	100
Emerged	100	100	100	100
Boot Stage	99	91	100	100
Headed	88	68	94	97

## Spring Wheat



Spring Wheat in Choteau County

Crop Condition	July 10, 2011	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Very Poor	2	2	0	3
Poor	4	4	2	9
Fair	30	38	17	30
Good	58	49	64	50
Excellent	6	7	17	8

Crop Progress	July 10, 2011	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Planted	100	100	100	100
Emerged	100	100	100	100
Boot Stage	57	15	83	89
Headed	26	0	41	57

## Durum

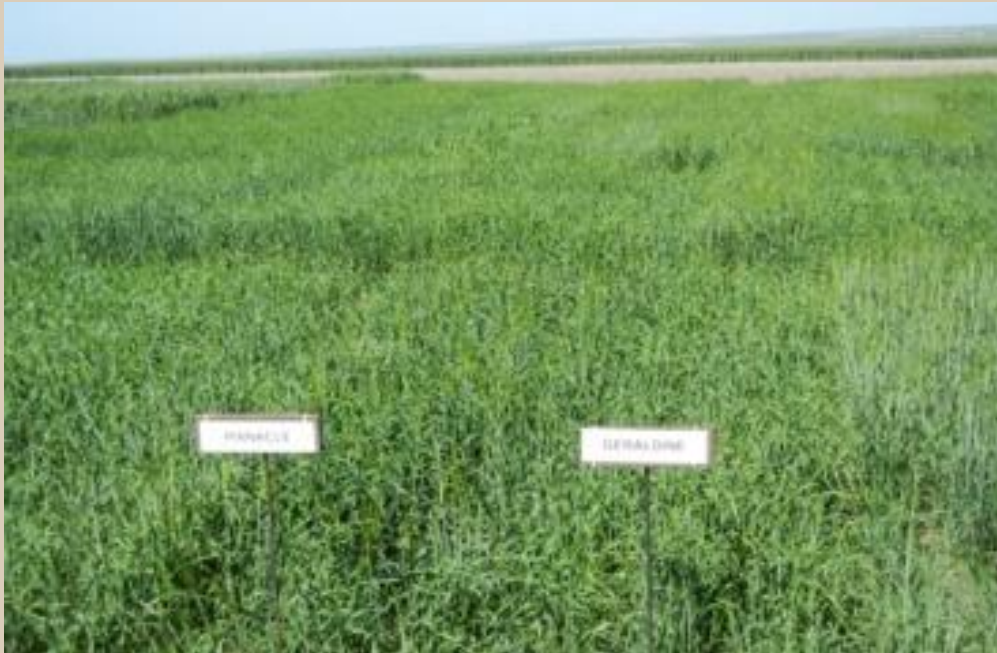


Durum in Hill County

Crop Condition	July 10, 2011	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Very Poor	0	0	0	3
Poor	2	1	4	14
Fair	19	18	18	31
Good	70	35	62	43
Excellent	9	46	16	9

Crop Progress	July 10, 2011	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Planted	100	100	100	100
Emerged	100	100	100	100
Boot Stage	48	3	69	79
Headed	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

# Barley



Crop Condition	July 10, 2011	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Very Poor	0	1	0	3
Poor	3	5	1	6
Fair	28	22	14	25
Good	56	58	56	50
Excellent	13	14	29	16

Crop Progress	July 10, 2011	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Planted	100	100	100	100
Emerged	100	100	100	100
Boot Stage	65	19	86	89
Headed	22	0	47	59

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